

Docket No.: 31229-229760  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Lionel Foster et al.

Art Unit: 3652

Appl. No.: 10/577,852

Examiner: Kramer, Dean J.

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For: LIFTING DEVICE

Customer No.:

**26694**

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**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2008, the three-month shortened statutory period for response is August 12, 2008. Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. Any necessary additional fees are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, referencing our docket no. 31229-229760. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.